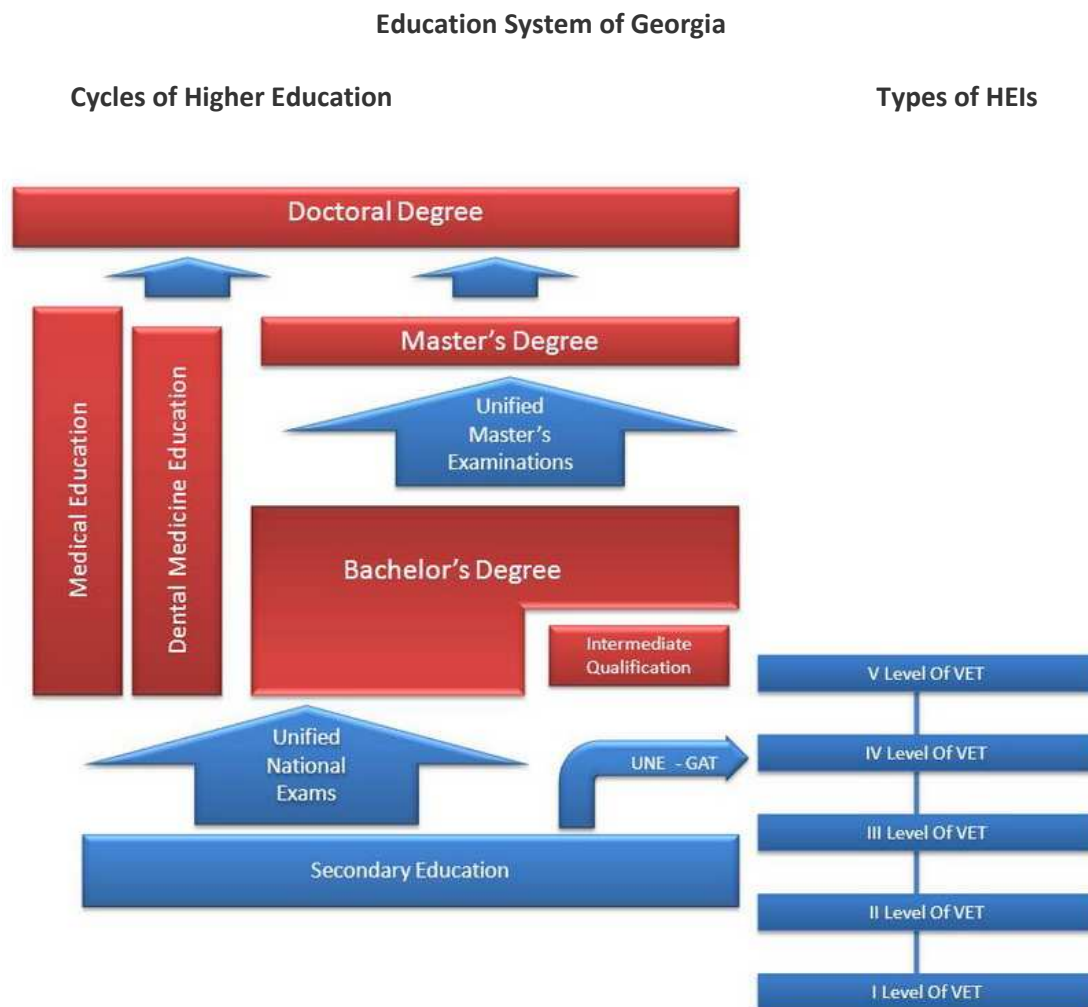


Education

Georgian Educational System consists of several steps, starting from Secondary Education – Public and Private Schools, to Higher Education – Universities. Students who graduate from high schools take the National Exams and enroll in universities in accordance with their scores. See the diagram below:



Tbilisi is home to several major institutions of higher education: The biggest Georgian university is Tbilisi State University which was established in 1918. TSU is the oldest university in the whole Caucasus region. Over 35,000 students are enrolled and the total number of faculty and staff (collaborators) is approximately 5,000. Tbilisi is also home to the largest medical university in Caucasus region – Tbilisi State Medical University, which was founded as Tbilisi Medical Institute in 1918, Georgia's main largest

technical University is also in Tbilisi – Georgian Technical University. Most popular private universities are Caucasus University and Free University.

For list and Information about Higher Education Institutions please visit:

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Cycles of Higher Education

Higher Education system of Georgia consists of three cycles: First cycle – Bachelor's Degree (240 credits);

Second cycle – Master's Degree (120 credits);

Third cycle – Doctor's Degree (180 credits)

Within the first cycle program leading to the degree of Certified Specialist exists (120-180 credits). Medicine, dental medicine and veterinary medicine (300-360 credits) are integrated education programs and their learning outcomes lead to the qualification equal to master's degree.

Higher Education Institutions

The following are the higher education institutions in Georgia:

- College – higher education institution implementing professional higher educational program or/and only the first cycle programs – Bachelor programs;
- Teaching University – higher education institution implementing higher educational program/programs (except for doctoral programs). It is required to provide the second cycle – Master educational program/programs.
- University – higher education institution implementing educational programs of all the three cycles of higher academic education.

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